GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DIRECT TO HOME SERVICE
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan Direct Plus Group and some other Groups providing free of cost Direct- to-Home (DTH) services to the consumers;

(b) if so, the details thereof, group-wise along-with the names of the T.V. Channels provided;

(c) whether DTH platform of Doordarshan is being made available to the private TV Channels for telecasting free to air channels;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to bring all the TV Channels showing commercial advertisements under the ambit of free to air TV Channels on the lines of the system adopted by other countries; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI)

(a) Only Doordarshan DD Direct Plus (DTH) is providing DTH services free of cost to the consumers. Private DTH Service licensees are not providing their DTH Service free of cost.

(b) The list of the TV Channels on DD Direct Plus is at Annexure-I.

(c) Yes Sir. Subject to the payment of carriage fee and suitability of such channels for DD Direct Plus platform.

(d) The details of private channels are at Annexure-I.

(e) & (f) No such proposal is under consideration.